## New Relief Act Provisions Set to Protect Service Members

A new law replacing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA) of 1940 will provide military personnel - especially those deployed or called to active duty - greater protections to handle their personal financial and legal obligations.

Among the changes, the SCRA gives the service member who has received permanent change of station (PCS) orders or is being deployed for 90 days or more the right to terminate a housing lease with 30 days' written notice. Prior to the SCRA, service members could be required to pay for housing they were unable to occupy.

The new law also provides an added protection for service members who have motor vehicle leases. Any active-duty service member who has received PCS orders outside the continental United States, or who is being deployed for not less than 180 days, may terminate a motor vehicle lease. The law prohibits early termination charges.

For more information on the SCRA, go to www.dod.mil/specials/Relief\_Act\_Revision.

